05/04/98
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SECOND SUNDAY NOTES

- DEVELOP MASTER CALENDAR OF MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND DATES OF NOTE – Secretary – © notes taken
- REQUIRE DETAILED MINUTES FROM EVERY MEETING WITH CO-CHAIR AND SECRETARY ON DISTRIBUTION
- ENCOURAGE "ACTION ITEMS" FROM EACH MEETING AND DOCUMENT RESPONSIBLE PARTIES (within Minutes)
- ESTABLISH SEPARATE ACCOUNT FOR GRANT FUNDS
- DEVELOP ANNUAL BUDGET
- ASSESS STRENGTHS AND IMPROVEMENT AREAS FOR EACH COMMITTEE VIA OBSERVATION AND DISCUSSION WITH COMMITTEE CHAIRS (NOTE: INCLUDES REVIEW OF "OVER 40" AND "MY BROTHER'S KEEPER")

establish Financial ~~picture~~ procedures

Agenda for 5/6 Steering Comm

- Master Calendar
- Data Gathering
- Strategic Planning

Flyer – (i.e. YAMS - size card - on cardstock)

2nd Sunday - Brothers Speaking Out
For
Gay Men of African descent

Its about speaking out. We share stories about ourselves - black men loving men. Together we provide support for one another

Every Second Sunday of the month at
City Hall East - 675 Ponce de Leon - 6:30pm.
Membership is $30.00 - Meetings free for Members
Admission for Non-Members - $3.00
For info, please call 404-325-7321

Give it a name

Reflect

(1) for the love of learning

(2) The personal is business

(3) Suggestions for Building Trust & Ownership

Reiterate why this is important -

Anticipate resistance → Why should they buy in to it?

(3) → Note the relevance to current challenges with folks getting involved.

- Staying involved/motivated is just as important as energy to do the work and to encourage others to get involved.

(3) for the love of learning

2. Start with a written inventory exercise [Perhaps go off into private spaces for 10-12 minutes]

Will collect at the end → Natural! More likely to get in touch with thoughts/feelings/etc. when words are put on paper. Accesses more imaging areas.

3. Begin with sentence stems -

[Next page]

Thoughts about processing:

1. → Pair-up and discuss - Encourage actively listening - Not judgemental responses. [Affirm/validate Empathize]
   → [MVE]
   Return to large group - Share.
   What was process like? What learned about self [experience in organizations]?
   → Focus on one or two questions.
   Suggestions - start @ 1 & 2.
   → Collect responses - Continue next month.

2. → Give [illegible] sheets at random
   [illegible] you can time your own
   → Each person read the first question. Then the second

Second Sunday
Steering Committee Meeting
June 20, 1998
"The Personal Is The Business"

How Am I Doing?

1. I would describe my experience as _____as **poor fair good very good excellent** (please circle)

2. What is most satisfactory about being in this position is_____
_____
_____

3. My biggest challenges being in this position are_____
_____
_____

4. What I'm doing to address these challenges is_____
_____
_____

5. The help I need to deal with these challenges is_____
_____
_____

6. What I need to help me carry out my responsibilities in an effective manner is
_____
_____
_____

7. What keeps me motivated to stay actively involved in Second Sunday is_____
_____
_____

8. I would also like to add_____
_____
_____
_____

Second Sunday's Conference '98
Topic Survey

Objective: To solicit input to topics for a 1-day Second Sunday conference

Directions: The following broad topic categories have been developed by the Conference Committee based on previous membership surveys and discussions. Please provide any topics or ideas under any or all of the categories below that you would be interested in having as a workshop or discussion during a 1-day conference. If you do not have a specific idea under a topic but would like a workshop in some way related to the broad category, then please note that. Please return your completed survey to one of the Conference Committee members at the conclusion of the meeting. Thank you.

Topic Area: ***Sex***	**Topic Area:** ***Friendship***
Topic Area: ***Community Building*** *(i.e., leadership, volunteerism, activisim, and organizational development)*	**Topic Area:** ***Identity*** *(i.e., challenges of being a black gay man, feelings about ourselves)*
Topic Area: ***Health & Wellness***	**Topic Area:** ***Other***[1]

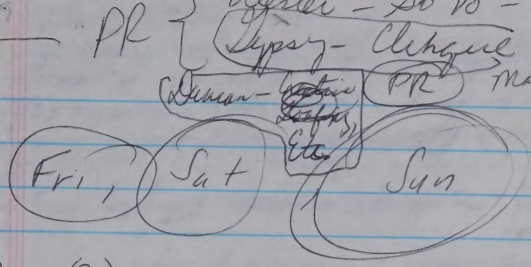
[1]Other topics that were discussed but not included as a priority included *relationships, personal finance, spirituality, career development, racism,* and *legal issues*. If any of these topics or others are of interest to you, please let us know.

- Added performance – Jan 15th

Event

Breakfast – Pre-Rally

1- Event – S
2 – Breakfast –
3- Logistics
4- Delegating
5- Commitment for support



Flyers - Edcon (?)
Mellonee

Issues - what kinds of issues family or political

DJ A - contact #

Facilitator
- Duncan Jerque

7:30 - 8:15 - Planning

8:15 Assignment

8:30 - Conclude

Jan 5 Thurs (PM)
Gen Mtg Ulester & Craig

Facilitator - Dec 29th
Duncan

ITLA ? involvement

Agenda
Ending

Circles

~ Personal ~

Venues
- City Hall East - "Phoenix Room"
✓ 1st Existentialist Congregation - Duncan
✓ Apex Museum - Egypt
✓ Emory University - Mellonee
✓ Lambda Center - Joi William
↓
(email to Eric)

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~~to the~~ wherever is ~~the~~ go

~~Whatever whatever~~
~~Whatever whatever~~
it is ~~it is the~~ the wearing song of
~~it is the~~ a manchild Pan bloodied and playful perched
~~at this song~~ that replays in my head ~~just~~ below my wandering
stripped of lyrics and music
~~is him needing~~
~~to be~~
its only him needing me i hear ~~of~~ what the
~~allegory hears in the core of her~~
kittens ~~of~~ lioness hears ~~the~~ in the core
of her kittens yelp ~~and~~ and my teats ~~fill~~
swell ~~may~~ the milk trickle stains my gap T-shirt
~~and is that obvious~~
oh God its showing.

- as you ~~await my~~ immobile
await my move
my groping hand to find your zipper
and free you from ~~your~~ half-hearted restraint
i wonder what boy drama
cast you in this familiar role
and if ~~and when i~~ ~~I~~
~~I'm~~ a blind predator guided by your sighs
across ~~your face of~~ a scent-filled forest
that has no clearing or lack of wetness
then what sort of prey are you
~~and whose~~ and whose talented grip left such
strange ~~behind~~
~~the~~ marks of ~~an attempt to escape~~ attempted escape
birth
only when is an ~~the shipwreck~~ seizure
~~on and on~~ as a frenzied stomp inside your walls constricting at
and you call ~~on~~ death ~~a~~ deliverence to save you
only then ~~the~~ fairy yields freedom from boogeyman dreams
in the ~~afterglow~~ ~~after~~ i lay alongside you sated, empty of thought
~~in your aftercalm so~~ our twilight ~~eats~~ silence and
our ~~twilight~~ an eclipse of silence and then ~~shame across the bed~~
drawn ~~the~~ shadows across the bed

~~Purpose~~ - Did you like that ~~what did you think when the film started~~

10:30 – 1:30

3 45
155

Emergency Meetings - Flip Chart 5 min

State the Objective:

1- Exec Committee + Steering Committee 30 min

2- Individual Committee Responsibilities

- Committee - Overall -
- Coordinator - Responsibility -
- Intra policy + Procedures -

← Break - 5 min - 5

5 min

Steering Committee

Within 2 weeks, come up with Drafts

Agenda

Tyson Beckwith

supermodel

Victor → bpr 404 - 619 - ~~404~~ 6942

Jan 20th - Steering Committee

Bayard Rustin Rally - Steering Committee

- PA System
- Black Gay Contingent
-

Fundings

Fees Space?? - Capitol Parking Co

- Costing - 30 spaces - around $300

PA System ??

Materials

HRC - will donate

Hq - stays / sheets

Hospitality Atlanta → donated stereo system

- maybe Edwin

Speakers → June Jordan ?

→ Keith Boykin

→ Queen

Come up with a theme !!

Women Contacts

Jane →
Sister 30 Something Special

Ken →
Different Dyl Production

- Pat Hussain
- Linda Rentz
- Gail Myers

Speakers

- Bl+ politics
-
-

- Jax
- Phone Call

1- Get Steering Committee involved
2- Develop budget
3- Schedule networking with organizations

PR

10:30 am

The TV

People TV PTV - Channel 12

MediaOne segment - seeking non-profit org affiliated with the City - Community TV

will do profile on our group

a PSA(?) ⟷ 1 hr, 15 mins

vehicle for teaching people how to.

produce

..guest shows !! ! ! ! ! ! ! !

call in

Summer season

- Seneca would be the producer
- Facilitators - to oversee

Weekly program

Time slot - To be determined

I - Features for P.S.A.

Activities - Jamandi
Memb -
Topic - small grp
PR - So Vo ad?

→ Committee Reports

→ ~~Hospitality - Hospital Visitation - cards for Rm + Places~~

→ Strategic Planning

→ ~~Place - City Hall East~~ Ms. Bowzer

→ Organization - GSU

→ ZAMI FUNDRAISER - JUNE (In conjunction w Pride)

→ TV SHOW

* - Zami letter

ACTIVITIES

- Skating party - 3rd Sun - skating party
  Labor Day - Carter Center?
  Buford Hwy?
  research donated space
  Finance - Kirk, Rob + Kevin(?)

II ~~Activities~~ Hosp - Trent met with applicts
- Soul food theme
Hospitality Mixer - 4PM - Albert Stewart
(3/16) 241-6229

* - New policy

III Membership
- Compiling membership packets
- Network directory being planned

IV - PR - T-shirts(?)
- Card - (flyer) - with brief descrip

V - Topic - Surveys to get feedback - cards

G.S.U- ask abt

Men

1- Statistics
- Cultural trends / attitudes about men

A- M.S.M (see next page)
B- Injecting Drug Users (see next pages)

C. Straight-identified males

1) Fear of Association
2) Perceived invulnerability
3) Macho image
4) Disdain for condom usage
5) Communication with Women lacking
6) Lack of Mentors
7) Lack of Communication between Straight-identified and Gay Identified Men
8) Judgmentalism

Stats
USA - 506,538
GA - 14,549 (8th state

USA - Men - 434,719
- White - 224,650
Black - 131,470 (28%)
Hispanic - 73,699
Asian/P.I. - 3,149
Amer Indian/Alaska - 1,115

Black Men - Transmission Categories

MSM - 51,792 (39)
Inj D - 47,725 (36)
MSM + Inj D - 10,147 (8)
Hemophilia - 400
Hetero - 7,472 (6)
Receipt of blood trans - 873 (1)
Unidentified 13,061 (10)

Total 434,719 — 71,818
M - 131,470 W - 39,270

Pediatric - 6,948
Blk - 3,977

Adolescent 13-19
M 1534 — W - 820
White - 687 — White - 151
Black 500 — Black - 537
Hisp - 311 — Hisp - 126
Asian 18
Amer Indian - 14

MSM

1- Less educated than white man
2 - Lack of empowerment about being Gay
3 - Little support from black community
   a) Perceiveed as separate
   b) Viewed as social outcasts
   c) Pariahs - non-men
   d) Family judgements
   e)
4 ~~- Low self esteem~~
4. - Forced complicity - Men masquerade as heterosexual
5 - Outreach efforts not targeting
      black gay men

HN Substance Abuse

Crack - street form of cocaine
- 5 to 6 times stronger than powder cocaine
chunks can be smoked in cigarette or reefer

Effects - heart rate / blood pressure & increases
uneasiness
nausea, tremors & seizures

Emotional - (1) extremely addictive
self-confidence, power, exhilaration
(2) followed by extreme depression or crash
(3) tolerance develops - paranoia, nervousness, other problems
- Causes severe dependency after short usage
higher the high the lower the low
the high lasts about 5 to 7 minutes.

(1) - Association of disease with drugs
(2) - Blacks don't want to admit to immensity of problem - (we may be viewed as pathological)
(3) - We despise addicts
- prey on our neighborhoods
steal; rob of us hope
- ~~We are~~ They are us
(4) Needle - exchange program - controversial

Incentives
- Money
- Condom machine
- Free advertising (paid ads; cover story) in gay press

Network Study

waiting on confirmation letter from CDC
⇒ Da State needs to send letter

- Bar Outreach
  - securing leaders of different networks
  - defining networks

(1) Marco / Duncan - Loretta's (Emmanuel)

send the letter
then visit

(2) Ron → Tacha (Travis) David Hampton

(3) Bedili - Other Side - Beverly

(4) Ron → Kaya - David Hampton

(5) Mark = Rita Inco Cabana -

(6) Derrick - The Palace

Papason's

Lecture

- Theory
- Lab/Practical

Objectives of Lab

- Use laboratory (good safe practices)
- Use pipettes
- Use spectrophotometer
- Perform calculations for DNA concentration
- Use plasmid DNA to make competent cells

- Lab Techniques
  - measuring liquids of different volumes
  - dilutions

(i) Pipette/Pipettor - Micropipette (Eppendorf)

(ii) Tip - Sterile (Yellow) Universal Pipette tips

(iii) Microtube - Eppendorf tube - Microfuge

(iv) Rack - Holder - Universal Microtube

(v) Marker - Sharpie Permanent

(vi) Waste - Biohazard

Y.A.M.S. Mtg

To do

- ask Jobra about ~~San Jonas~~ Chrissy study re: workshops

Sandra (?)

Sandoz Apothecary 5-6

- has a clinic 90

- members would get meds thru Sandoz Apothecary

Sandoz generally 10% cheaper 3-10% return kickback for drug costs

- Sandoz would give percentage on people who become customers

- Would pay for meeting space -

- Rent cloths for fundraiser events!

Members (on Medicaid or private insurance)

- Can switch to other antivirals

* - Arrange meeting 2nd Sunday & Will Austin

Will Austin - (404) 847-9123

875-9717

↳ 6558 Roswell Rd.

Sandy Springs, GA 30328

- Activities Committee Brunch

- $140.00

- Checking acct at Nationsbank
  - 2 forms of I.D. and a copy

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- By-Laws Committee - 9/14 (Sat)
  [10:30 pm]

Steering Committee - 9/21
- get / establish agenda with Kevin
- move the meeting at 6PM

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Trademark 3rd Sunday
- Copyright
- Logo
- 501(c)3 status → $500 fee

~~to do~~:
- Meet with Rob/Markeel
- Mailing

Incorporation $100 fee

how we write 2nd Sunday

— Report of the Co-Chair
- Strategic Planning - Nov. 16th — Space issues
- YAAMS
- Secretary ~~report~~ position — the Grant → Secretary's report → Setting up bank account
— Committee Reports
- Membership - space definition
- Hospitality - needs help
- PR - Venus article / Logo
- Topic - panel (HIV)

- Dissolve Ellen Research

→ 501 c3 status - need a lawyer Herron Jansil (?)
- ~~Incorp~~ $500 fee

→ Incorporation - $100 fee
→ Copyright (Logo) Trademark

"Strategic Planning"

Topic
Not going to do the HIV meeting
Postpone HIV-panel for 3rd Sunday in November
Healthquest article - October 10th
Healthquest may help sponsor
Dr. Richardson → may be on the panel

Hospitality

Trent (Co-Chair) will be back-up

Morehouse

Black Men for the Eradication of Sexism

Sept 28 & 29th

404-524-4030 x 3

Non-Profit Status

1- Profits are allowed but they have to return to org. budget

Action –

– Finance

- Correct IRS situation
  - ~ have notes ready / tell them about car note
  - ~ ask about centralization of records
  - ~ fax them copies
  - ~ visit office, if necessary

- Sign and return payment agreement
  - ~ send in first payment

$7,000 – Clean up small bills
  - ~ Credit card – $2500
  - ~ Car Insurance balance

→ Career

A/D Attesta

~ Meeting with

as we step onboard
the airport shuttle
i wonder how will i kiss you
if i should hold you long and tight
or rather pack a casual parting
or do we let our tongues dance
as we suck lifebreath from one another
with a three-day kiss
lewd and defiant
~~so~~ ~~we let's be outlaws~~
~~the thought of~~ flaunting transgression
~~we~~ are we not by nature outlaws
it's a selective sin
~~when~~ why our private touch becomes public act
as we approach your departure gate
i contemplate
what is really at risk
or line we meet a woman with a warm smile
full of teeth and gaps
her little man does head stands
will she cover the boys eyes
when i cup your face in my hand
~~I~~ i think it is much too late
surely
don't they hear the tenor of our laughter
the drum of our heartbeats
our secret is no secret

729
3624
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as we do kiss
the feel of your lips
pushes and pulls me to and from
the twin banks of the sacred
and the profane
the scent of your skin
arrests thought
quickens pulse
restores peace

At the discussion's end, donations are solicited through the passing of the ~~plate~~ proverbial plate.

~~The group closes with a prayer.~~
~~The~~ Attendees then join hands and are led through a closing ~~prayer, usually a denominational affirmation,~~ an affirmation ~~of appreciation~~ to the ~~Creator and an ancestor~~ which varies from traditional Christian prayer to a non-denominational ~~appreciation~~ of the Creator and the ancestors. Words of specific healing are offered after a particularly intense session.

Afterward, the "congregation" breaks bread with potluck meals set up just outside the meeting space. Brothers then have the opportunity to relax, meet new faces and enjoy each other's energy. With over 120 members on its mailing list and an average meeting attendance of 65 persons, Second Sunday has grown ~~and withstood profound development sometimes painful~~ tremendously, nearing their fourth year, the group has withstood profound and sometimes painful development in their ~~three~~ four years of existence.

It all started in November 1998 on a ~~visit~~ return trip to Atlanta. Maurice Franklin, a ~~former~~ well known Atlanta activist ~~known for his work for~~ SCLC and within the now ~~residing~~ living in New York, and a friend

were returning from a Howard University homecoming weekend. During the trip, Franklin attended a bgm's rap session focusing on ~~[illegible]~~ double-consciousness within the race. ~~[illegible]~~ On the drive back to Atlanta, Franklin and his friend ~~[illegible]~~ buzzed about the potential for a similar organization in their city. They ~~[illegible]~~ hammered out the structure and logistics of ~~[illegible]~~ and Maurice ~~[illegible]~~ rounded up other local activists like Archie Freeman and Bruce Wilkerson. "We had about 9 people show up to that first meeting at my house," Franklin recalls. "The first topic was Does Your Mama Know." We were at different levels of comfort regarding our sexuality. We wanted a structure that supported of honesty and free thought."

Monthly Meetings were scheduled for ~~[illegible]~~ the second Sunday, and ~~[illegible]~~ rotated among members homes. Potluck meals were established as ~~[illegible]~~ of the gathering ~~[illegible]~~ a ritual. The spirits of the ancestors were invoked regularly. Word ~~[illegible]~~ quickly spread throughout

From its inception, Second Sunday ~~[illegible]~~ had an informal style that promoted intimacy and spirituality

Atlanta bly community that something special was happening for black men. It was an entity created by and for brothers to provide safety for same-sex attracted men.

and sometimes
who you pick
and how you are chosen

i ~~have omitted~~
and sometimes
we are picked by
a hand we have not chosen
so that

~~sometimes~~ if one day
what if one day you ~~may~~
find yourself
picked by a hand
you ~~have~~ wouldnt have ~~chosen~~
selected
would ~~you reject it~~ it is so you may
and ~~master your~~ vigil

~~a single rose~~

~~a rose~~.

a single rose withers
in the ~~small~~ crystal vase
it

Maurice Franklin
J. Stacy Grayson
} 212-491-5340

Its Something outside of the smoke-filled bars & clubs where we look at each other in the dark. Its way of meeting people and finding out what and finding out who they're these people we see out are what they're thinking

"Its the kind of place where people can respond to the issues of the day. [I come] to meet other people to come out of [my] closet of personality. It makes it easier to talk to people. ~~Other~~ ~~their is. It gives me something to say~~"

-Egypt Freeman

"It was affirmation and a lot of love. He considered the brotherhood to get away from the work scene to be able to be yourself.
The complicity of being able to connect with other people on several levels.

Second Sunday was a child and it was going through its terrible two. It was natural outgrowth of new people coming in, a lack of continuity between the new and the old folk.